



LARC



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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday Nov. 2, 2006 - 7 PM

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Refreshments - Door Prizes

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Monroe - November 11, 2006

Minden - December 16, 2006

Each Wednesday

Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery
Check 146.820 - repeater for info

Each Monday, 7:00 p.m.

AARA Net 146.820 - 600

Each Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

ARES Net 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

YL/XYL Only Net 146.820 - 600

a.k.a. Filly Net

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President's Message

With the sun spot solar cycle at or near the bottom, band conditions are iffy, so it allows plenty of time to do those long awaited projects around the house.. concerning ham radio of course.

We had 45 take the Technician License Class on October 21st, with 43 passing the exam. Many of those taking this class came from all parts of Louisiana. Many more hospitals were represented along with Acadian Ambulance Service.

Club members that helped with the Class and Testing were: Randy N5MLJ, Glenn KD5NVC, Rick N5RLM, Joy N5VCS, Danny K5ARH, Greg K5LFT, John KA5BSE, Ed WA5TNK, Dags KE5CGN, Buddy N5AN, Rick N5RY and Roland NA5Q. Non-club members present that assisted were Bert W5ZR, Greg AD5HA and Ray N5LRZ. No schedule has been decided on the next Technician Class, but we have several individuals (new licensee's) expressing an interest in a Morse code class. So we have purchased a Morse code CD and Oscillator for that purpose. Morse code classes will probably commence after the 1st of the year.

We will be doing a SET Emergency exercise this month, so stay tuned, Herman KN5GRK will take charge of that. We hope to have all of the hospitals involved in that exercise. So we will need many volunteers to assist medical staff at the various hospitals.

A nomination committee has been assigned to nominate officers and board members for 2007-2008. If you are interested in a club position, please let the nominating committee know. The members of the nominating committee are Stratos KE5DCI, Charlie KI5XP, Danny KD5JSM and Maureena KB5SMX. Positions nominations are open for are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 Board Members.

I hear from many folks across Louisiana that have expressed enjoyment in reading the informative LARC. Herman KN5GRK, is doing a fantastic job with the LARC, but he continually needs articles or insight into events, if you have anything for the LARC, ham related, please pass it on the Herman @ kn5grk at w5ddl.org.

Remember, the AARA Christmas Club meeting will be held December 2nd at the Global Technology Group's building @ 4021 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy, across the street from IHOP. Parking at rear of building. Time is 7:00 PM. Meal will be a covered dish from club members, with club furnishing meat. My wife, Ronnie, will furnish the rice dressing. Please let Joy N5YCS know @ n5yys at w5ddl.org, if you will be attending so we can get a head count of meat purchases.

Roland Guidry, NA5Q
President AARA

Editor's Comments

(by Herman Campbell KN5GRK)

I know a lot of times it may appear that when we object to a situation that it seems to fall on "deaf ears". But this is not true in this case as you read on.

A few months back, I wrote a letter to U.S. Senator David Vitter of Louisiana in regards to my objections to BPL. Today, October 14, 2006 I received a reply and I would like to quote his message to me.

Dear Mr. Campbell

Thank you for contacting me about the interference potential of Broad-band over Power Lines (BPL) systems.

I certainly understand your concerns about this newly implemented form of broadband that travels over existing power lines and its potential to interfere with radio signals used by amateur radio operators.

I recognize the contributions that amateur radio operators have made to this country over the years. When all other lines of communication don't function, you can still count on "hammies" to get the word out. During Hurricane Katrina, amateur radio operators were instrumental in making connections between the trapped citizens in New Orleans and their rescuers.

You may be glad to know that the U.S. House of Representatives has passed a telecommunications bill that includes as study on BPL interference. Please rest assured that I will continue to monitor this provision as the U.S. Senate moves to consider its telecommunications bill.

Once again, thank you for contacting me on this important issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future.

Sincerely,

David Vitter

United States Senate

Since the AARA AMOS Van came into existence, we have failed to state it's intended mission. The membership approved the following mission statement. Ken KD5YWB has laminated two copies, one to be placed in the van. They will be presented at the November meeting.

AMOS MISSION STATEMENT

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association mission for AMOS (Amateur Mobile Operation Service) will be to utilize this asset for publicity, training and club activities and enhance the clubs ability as a Special Service Club. AMOS will be used exclusively at public events and club special events to promote the amateur radio service and the club to the general public and as a facility to train amateur radio operators in the various aspects of amateur radio operation, insuring the continuation of the hobby.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

N = NEW

R = RENEWAL

Barbara Azar	N5AUO	N
Paul Azar III	KE5KHP	N
Doug Espy	KE4GQE	N
Paul Azar	N5AN	R
John Queener	KD5OJT	R
Clay Henry		N
Mike Burney		N
Mark Cheramie		N
Kevin Thomas		N
Sandi Dubaz		N
Martin Lustig		N
Herbert Ballard		N
Eric Thibodeaux		N
Walter Trahan		N
Lane Owers		N
Donald Simon		N
Frank Stoltz		N
Dave Babin		N
Edward Smith		N
Stephan Keller		N
Jeremy Doucet		N
Keith Brisbois		N
Chad Duhe		N
Joseph Woods		N
Wayne Weilbacher		N
Richard Grim		N
Justin Cox		N
Lonnie Monteaux		N
Blake Landry		N
Paul Sistrunk		N
Paul Vidrine		N
Rowdy Fontenot		N
Patrick Thibodeaux		N
Thaddus Calvin		N
Annette Frederick		N
Rhonda Williams		N
Vanessa Haynes		N
Louis Markey		N
Stephen Hardy		N
Patricia Courville		N
Dolores Babineaux		N
Anjanette Hebert		N
Waterman Brown		N
Kelly Reininger		N
Stephanie Halle		N
Earline Habbit		N
Thomas Hebert		N
Mary Nance		N

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10,000 Meter Run & Walk

2006

Downtown Lafayette November 4th

The AARA has been asked to do a repeat performance of helping out with the Cajun Cup Run & Walk. This year we hope to have our AMOS van on site as a command post. Last year we had some mechanical problems and we had to operate without the van, hopefully not so this year.

The race will take place on Saturday November 4th in downtown Lafayette. The 10K race kicks off at 8:05 AM near the Mello Joy Coffee Shop on Jefferson and E. Vermillion Street downtown Lafayette followed by the 1 mile race at 8:15 AM.

The AARA AMOS Van will be set up on the parking lot on Jefferson St. across from the old Post Office / Federal Building and operate as a command post. We will use tactical calls (i.e. mile 1, mile 2) for mile markers. Our members will be placed at their selected mile markers. The map looks like the same route as last year, so you will probably pick the same places. I will have maps and possibly the "T" shirts for those that signed up at the October meeting on hand at the November 2nd General Meeting.

After the race is over, there will be refreshments, food and live bands downtown at Parc Sans Souci for those with the Cajun Cup "T" shirts.

We will meet at the AMOS van around 7:00 AM and disperse to our appointed stations. You will need to dress according to the weather, bring your HT's and spare batteries.

For more detailed information on the Cajun Cup Run, check out their website at:

www.cajuncup.com

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS

N = NEW

R = RENEWAL

Keith Verret	N
Heather Cradeur	N
Ongel Aldrige	N
Shirley Williams	N
Karen Comeaux	N
Robert Houston	N
Charles LaPorte	N
Roy Womac	N
Scottie Mire	N
Daniel Benoit	N

October Meeting VE Testing Results

On October 5th, Alexander Wehmann took his Technician license test and received his new call KE5KUW on October 11th.

Wayne Morton KE5IXQ took his CW and General test at the CLARC Hamfest in Pineville, LA and is now a General.

Way to go Guys!

CLARC Hamfest Winners

1st Grand Prize - Icom IC 718
won by: Alfred Pedneau, SR - K5HKG of Pineville, LA.

2nd Grand Prize - Icom IC V8000
won by: Jessie Tilghman - WB5JZQ of Leesville, LA.

3rd Grand Prize - Smoked Ham
won by: Jim Bookter - N5NVP of Leesville, LA.

6KW Generator - won by: Preston Kees (non-ham) of Pineville, LA.



FCC Releases Long-Awaited "Omnibus" Amateur Radio Report and Order

REVISED Oct 13, 2006 10:40 ET

In its October 10 Report and Order, the FCC states:

The Highlights

- ⇒ expanded the phone subbands in the 75 and 40 meter bands;
- ⇒ agreed to allow Novice and Tech Plus (Technician with Element one credit) licensees to operate in the General class CW subbands on 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters;
- ⇒ implemented rules to discourage multiple vanity call sign filings on the same day from the same applicant;
- ⇒ permitted auxiliary stations to transmit on portions of the 2 meter band;
- ⇒ permitted the use of spread spectrum on 222-225 MHz;
- ⇒ permitted amateurs to retransmit communications from the International Space Station;
- ⇒ permitted amateur licensees to designate a specific Amateur Radio club to receive their call sign *in memoriam*;
- ⇒ eliminated certain restrictions governing the manufacture, marketing and sale of external RF power amplifiers intended for Amateur Radio use;
- ⇒ clarified that "amateur stations may, at all times and on all frequencies authorized to the control operator, make transmissions necessary to meet essential communication needs and to facilitate relief actions";
- ⇒ deleted the frequency bands and segments specified for Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) stations;
- ⇒ deleted the requirement to publicly announce Amateur Radio examination locations and times, and
- ⇒ permitted Amateur Radio stations in Alaska and surrounding waters more flexibility in providing emergency communications.

I think the changes that will most affect the ham radio community will be the following:

On 75 meters, Generals will be able to operate on phone from 3800-4000 kHz, an increase of 50 kHz. Advanced class licensees will be able to use voice from 3700-4000, an increase of 75 kHz, and Amateur Extras will be able to use voice from 3600 to 4000 kHz -- a generous increase of 150 kHz and substantially more spectrum than the League had requested for phone operation on 75. The ARRL had sought an additional 25 kHz. The FCC provided 150 kHz.

"Indeed, a number of commentaries argue that the *NPRM* proposal to increase the amount of spectrum permitted for voice communications would still not meet the demand for voice communication spectrum in the HF bands, particularly in the 80 meter band," the FCC noted in the *R&O*.

On 40 meters, Advanced and Extra Class licensees will be able to use voice from 7125-7300 kHz, an increase of 25 kHz. General class licensees will be able to use voice on 7175-7300 kHz, an increase of 50 kHz.

On 15 meters, General class operators will have phone privileges on 21275-21450 kHz, an increase of 25 kHz.

To accommodate the remaining Novice and Tech Plus (or Technician with Element 1 credit) licensees on HF CW, the FCC affirmed its intention to permit these licensees to operate CW in the current General exclusive-CW allocations on 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters.

At the present time, the FCC has not dropped the CW requirement for upgrades.

The FCC also took several other miscellaneous actions. Check out the ARRL Website for a simplified summation at:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/10/11/100/>

These changes will not take place until 30 days after they are published in the Federal Register.

Portions of this article is reprinted from the ARRL Website.



11/05

ROBERT
HOUSTON

11/07 KC5IOB

PAM

11/11 KE5DGM

LEWIS

11/13 K5BMC

BETTY

11/16

ROWDY
FONTENOT

11/24 KD5TCJ

CARL

12/09 NA5Q

ROLAND



Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership application, this is why some may not be listed.

Pictures of the October 21st Test Session



Photos by Greg Dolan II - K5LFT

MONROE REGIONAL HAMFEST 2006

Louisiana State Convention

Saturday November 11, 2006

The Twin City Ham Club will sponsor the Monroe Regional Hamfest in Monroe, LA on Saturday November 11, 2006. They will have a "Special Guest" speaker from the ARRL at the ARRL League Forum. He will be Dave Patton NN1N who is the head of the ARRL Field & Education Services Department.

Location: Barak Shrine Temple, 6620 Frontage Rd, Monroe, LA

Doors open: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Talk-in: 146.850

Admission: \$5.00 plus you get one ticket for Grand Prizes and Door Prizes
additional tickets are: 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00

Grand Prizes:

1st Grand Prize: Yaesu 857D - HF/VHF/UHF All Mode Transceiver

2nd Grand Prize: Yaesu 1802M - 2 meter mobile

3rd Grand Prize: Yaesu VX-150 - 2 meter HT

Dealers: (confirmed)

Memphis Amateur Electronics, Inc.

Palmetto Antennas

B-Square Engineering

Dealers: (pending)

Clear Signals Products "The Coax Man"

MCM Computers

Government Surplus Electrical / Electronics Parts

The Sign Man

VE Testing: 9:00 AM

For more information to directions and schedules, check out the website at:

<http://www.ares-nela.org/hamfest/>

AARA November Calendar

November 2	AARA General Meeting @ 7:00 PM - Red Cross Building
November 4	Cajun Cup 10K Walk/Run - Downtown Lafayette
November 11	Monroe Hamfest - State Convention
November 23	Thanksgiving Day

November Special Events & Contests

November 4-6	ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)
November 10	XE2BC, founded in 1946, will celebrate the founding date on November 10th, 2006
November 11-12	ARRL International EME Competition
November 12-15	K6PV, mini IOTA DXpedition to Santa Catalina Island (NA-066) California
November 13	ARMAD Amateur Radio Golden Corral Military Appreciation Day
November 25-26	W6OI, 10 -10 International Club Station Special Event

Check out the ARRL website for more detail at:

<http://www.arrl.org/>

October 21 VE Testing Session

On September 27, the AARA had a registration day for Technician License applicants from many of the Acadiana medical groups. There were around 64 persons that registered. They were supplied with the ARRL Training Manuals to study up until October 21st. A class was held on Saturday October 21 at 8:00 AM and then a VE testing session was held that afternoon. 47 of those that registered showed up, 45 tested and 43 passed.

They were:

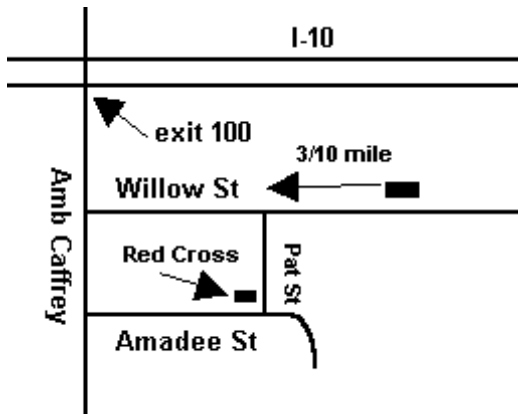
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COMPLEMENTARY
ISSUE

AARA GENERAL MEETING - Nov. 2

Red Cross Bldg., 101 N. Pat St.. Scott, LA

7:00 PM - VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Refreshments - Door Prizes

BREAD PUDDING MUFFINS

(submitted by Phoebe KC5VRN)

- 3 - EGGS
- 1 - LARGE CAN EVAPORATED MILK
- 1 - TEASPOON VANILLA
- 1 - SMALL CAN APPLESAUCE (OPTIONAL)
- 1- BLOCK MARGARINE (MELTED)

- 2 - CUPS SUGAR
- RAISINS (OPTIONAL)
- BREAD:
- 10 - SLICES OF STALE BREAD OR
- 12-14 SLICES OF FRESH BREAD OR
- 1/2 - LOAF OF FRENCH BREAD

TOPPING:

- 1 - SMALL CAN EVAPORATED MILK
- 1/2 - CUP SUGAR
- 1/2 - TEASPOON RUM FLAVORING

Mix ingredients well. Add bread which has been broken into small pieces. Let soak for about 20 - 30 minutes. Fill greased or paper lined muffin tins 3/4 full. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 - 40 minutes. Heat topping ingredients on stovetop and drizzle over baked muffins while they are warm.

Yield 24 muffins.

FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries - including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or ulscomm@fcc.gov.

Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245